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DJOKOVIC BEATS TSITSIPAS IN FIVE SETS TO WIN 19TH MAJOR

Novak Djokovic is now just one behind Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal's tally of Grand Slam titles after beating Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 on Sunday

NOVAK JOINS EMERSON, LAVER IN ELITE CLUB

Novak Djokovic has become just the third man in the game's history after Roy Emerson and Rod Laver to win all four of the Grand Slams at least twice. He is the first in the Open era to achieve the feat. The Serbian has now won the French Open twice, the Australian Open a phenomenal nine times, the Wimbledon on five occasions and the US Open thrice

SERBIAN SCRIPTS HISTORIC COMEBACK

- Novak Djokovic bounced back after losing the first two sets in a Grand Slam final for the first time in his career. This was the sixth instance of Djokovic losing the first two sets in a final
- Runner-up Stefanos Tsitsipas suffered his first defeat after taking a two-set lead in his Grand Slam career

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NUMBER OF FRENCH OPEN TITLES WON BY NOVAK DJOKOVIC

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G7's big pitch as China's counter for Global South

Modi push for vax patent waiver gets support

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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LEADERS of the Group of Seven (G7) nations on Sunday wrapped up their in-person summit, sending out the message that international cooperation is back on the front burner and that they are a better friend of poorer nations than authoritarian China.

Their pledge of more than 1 billion coronavirus vaccine doses to poorer nations and promises of support for global health, green energy, infrastructure and education, were tailored to underscore their superiority over China's outreach.

On climate change, they launched a 'Build Back Better (B3B) Partnership' plan that promises funds for infrastructure to accelerate the global shift to renewable energy. It's a direct counter to China's Belt and Road initiative that has increased its clout and landed many nations in a debt trap.

The final communique, while reiterating their position on eliminating inefficient fossil fuel subsidies by 2025, committed them to an "end to new direct government support for unabated international thermal coal power generation by the end of 2021".

Addressing an outreach session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while urging the G7 to demonstrate leadership, sought their strong support for India and South Africa's proposal for patent waiver for Covid vaccines at the WTO.

Natural ally, says PM

Modi said India is a natural ally for the G7 and its partners in defending democracy, freedom of thought and liberty from threats stemming from authoritarianism, terror, extremism and economic coercion

South Africa's President Ramaphosa echoed Modi's call. Australian premier Scott Morrison referred to his conversation with Modi earlier and expressed his strong support for the patent waiver. Director General of the WTO, Dr Okonjo Iweala, and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres were on the same page, informed P Harish, additional secretary in the foreign office.

Modi addressed three sessions. The discussions were on three broad tracks: health, vaccines and recovery from Covid; climate change; and open societies and open economies. On climate change, Modi called for collective action, saying that this challenge cannot be addressed in silos. He recalled India's achievements on climate action and said it is the only G20 country on track to meet its Paris commitments, Harish said. P9

Curious case of vax allocation skew in some cities

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

AMID reports of people who fail to get vaccination slots in major cities, traveling to nearby districts and satellite towns for jabs, an interesting correlation of several smaller districts near big urban centres/state capitals being allocated an unusually high percentage of vaccination doses has emerged.

Extensive CoWin app data analysis by this newspaper threw up this interesting phenomenon, but there are no clear answers as to why there is an allocation skew, though several officials confirmed the pattern of people from bigger urban centres going to satellite cities to get vaccinated.

For instance, Meerut in UP, Hooghly and Howrah in West Bengal, Pune in Maharashtra, Alwar in Rajasthan and Panipat in Haryana received more doses than districts with higher population in their respective states. In Meerut, a tier-2 city located 100 kms from Delhi and considered a part of the National Capital Region (NCR), 7.35 lakh doses were administered in a population of 34.43 lakh. However, there are at least 20 districts in UP with higher population that received lesser allocation. Take Sultanpur and Hardoi for example. The two districts have significantly larger population, but received only a third of the doses allocated to Meerut.

Authorities say the situation is similar in Bulandshahar, another UP district adjoining Delhi. According to Bulandshahar district immunisation officer Dr Rohitash Yadav, the trend is most visible in vaccination centres at Khurja, Sikandarabad and Anupshahr. "Almost 15-20% of the beneficiaries in these three towns are actually residents of Delhi, Ghaziabad and Gautam Buddha Nagar. Owing to shortage of slots in areas they live, they are booking slots here," Yadav said.

NATIONWIDE	JUNE 12	JUNE 13
Fresh cases	84,332	80,834
Recoveries	1,21,311	1,32,062
Deaths	4,002	3,303

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TAKE YOUR SHOT
June 12: 31,67,961 doses
June 13: 34,84,239 doses
TOTAL DOSES: 25,31,93,048

The status is similar in Alwar, falling within the NCR. It reported over 11 lakh vaccinations, which is the second highest in Rajasthan after Jaipur. And Alwar is not the most populous of Rajasthan's 33 districts. CONTINUED ON: P7

Private college chief now RGUHS acting VC; controversy erupts

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

THE appointment of the principal of a private dental college as acting vice-chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) seems to have upset Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who is the pro-chancellor of the university. Some officials attached to the university said the post has never gone to a person from a private institution in its 26-year history.

Dr Jayakara SM, principal, AECS Maruthi College of Dental Sciences, Bengaluru, has been appointed to the post.

Quite surprisingly, Sudhakar has dragged the Governor into the controversy, saying he had sought an appointment with Vajubhai Vala three weeks ago, but was denied because of Covid-related restrictions. Sudhakar said he will discuss the issue with the Governor and Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa.

Sources said that the CBI had raided Dr Jayakara in 2013 when he was an executive member of the Dental Council of India.

Dr Jayakara said, "The case was against two people from the Dental Council of India from Chennai. There was no FIR or chargesheet against my name."

New cases at 7K mark, but mortality high

Positivity rate still a concern

Some districts continue to see a high positivity rate. Analysis of the week's state war room data shows Chikkamagaluru's positivity rate at 17.32%, followed by Dakshina Kannada with 15.67%, and Mysuru at 14.62%.

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THERE has been a drop in fresh Covid-19 cases in Karnataka bringing relief, but at the rising mortality rate remains a worry. The state's mortality rate went up to 1.19 per cent with 125 fatalities, taking the toll to 32,913.

Health officials said the mortality rate is increasing as the growth rate in the Covid tally is reducing, even as the state continues to report 100-plus deaths every day.

This is also linked to a reduction in the number of tests conducted in a day. The number of tests has dropped to 1,29,617. On Saturday, 9,785 cases were reported with 1,48,027 tests. From June 9-11, the number of tests conducted were over 1.60 lakh. On June 9, up to 1,63,962 tests were conducted; the following day saw 1,67,731 tests; and June 11, 1,69,695 tests. But the number dropped to 1,48,027 on Saturday, and saw a further drop to 1,29,617 on Sunday.

Mortality rate is calculated as the percentage of deaths to the total number of cases. The State Government's goal is to bring down the mortality rate below 1 per cent.

KARNATAKA	JUNE 12	JUNE 13
Fresh cases	9,785	7,810
Recoveries	21,614	18,648
Deaths	144	125

On the brighter side, Karnataka on Sunday reported the lowest addition of Covid cases in a day in over two months, with 7,810 added to the tally. This is the lowest addition since April 7, when 6,976 cases were added. Active cases, too, continued to decline, standing at 1,80,835, down from 1,91,796 on Saturday. The Covid-19 tally in Karnataka is 27,65,134, up from 27,57,324 the previous day. The state's positivity rate has been falling consistently from June 9 from 8.79 per cent to 8.73 per cent on Sunday.

EXPRESS READ

Netanyahu reign ends, Bennett new Israel PM

Jerusalem: Naftali Bennett was on Sunday sworn in as Israel's new Prime Minister, ousting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu from power after an uninterrupted 12 years at the helm of affairs. His government has 27 ministers. P9

Eriksen had cardiac arrest, was gone: Doc

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DENMARK'S team doctor said Sunday that Christian Eriksen's heart stopped and that "he was gone" before being resuscitated with a defibrillator at the European Championship.

Eriksen collapsed during Denmark's opening Euro 2020 group game against Finland on Saturday and was given medical treatment before regaining consciousness.

"He was gone. And we did cardiac resuscitation. And it was cardiac arrest," said team doctor Morten Boesen.

Eriksen was in stable condition at a Copenhagen hospital and had spoken to teammates via video link on Sunday, team officials said. P11

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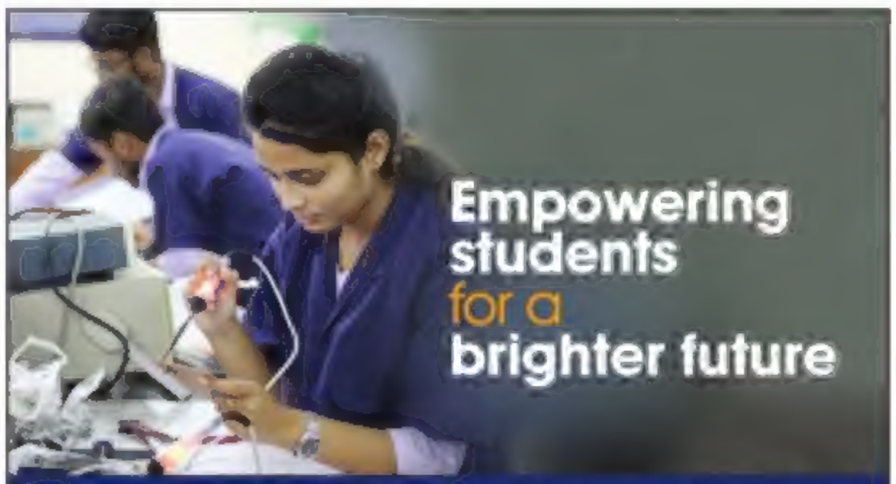

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